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Dryburgh *et al.*

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**Reply To Restriction Requirement
and Preliminary Amendment**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 28, 2002, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by Claims 1-17. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and

consideration and allowance of all pending claims, as amended below, are respectfully

requested.

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Preliminary Amendment

Please cancel Claims 1-17 and insert the following new claims: